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New Section of the Attorney General

Website:

We have recently added a new section under the Cybersafety area of our website—**I-Shield Updates**. This section includes the bi-monthly newsletter; resources for your use such as posters, flyers and brochures developed by our office; a calendar of upcoming events; and a photo gallery of events sponsored by our office around the state.

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Internet Safety News

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Twelve Child Sexual Predators Arrested in Campbell County Sting

On Monday, April 16, 2007, Attorney General Greg Stumbo and Campbell County Commonwealth's Attorney Jack L. Porter, Jr. announced an undercover operation that resulted in the arrest of 12 alleged sexual predators from Kentucky, Indiana and Ohio.

The Attorney General's Kentucky Bureau of Investigation (KBI) and Office of Consumer Protection coordinated the undercover operation April 12-15 with the Highland Heights and Campbell County Police Departments, the Internet watchdog group Perverted-Justice, the Regional Organized Crime Information Center, the Campbell County Jailer and the Campbell County Commonwealth's and County Attorney's Offices.

Those arrested, ranging in age from 24-59, drove from cities across Kentucky, Indiana and Ohio to a home in Highland Heights expecting to meet a 13-year-old child they had been chatting with online. Each suspect has been charged with attempted unlawful transaction with a minor in the first degree, a Class B Felony, punishable by 10-20 years in prison. The suspects include a university employee, a retired US Army Sergeant, a warehouse supervisor, an electrician, a truck driver and a fast food worker.

Press release:

<http://tinyurl.com/2589nd>

Mug shots of the suspects:

<http://tinyurl.com/3dy4hm>



Attorney General Greg Stumbo speaks to press about arrest of 12 suspects in Child Sexual Predator Sting. KBI Commissioner David James (left); Campbell County Commonwealth's Attorney Jack Porter (right).

i-Jam — A Free Internet Safety Event, Bullitt County Public Schools, March 31, 2007

On March 31, 2007, a day-long Internet safety conference was sponsored by the Bullitt County Public Schools, the Kentucky Center for School Safety and the Kentucky Office of the Attorney General in memory of Rachel Neblett, a student at Bullitt East High School who committed suicide as a result of cyberbullying. Among the guest speakers at the event were local and national guests who have dealt with cyberbullying and cyber predator issues in their own homes. John Halligan, whose son Ryan committed suicide after a long battle with cyberbullying, shared the story of his son and offered suggestions and tips on how to prevent this from happening to other children. Shelly Riling related the story of her niece, Christina Long, who was murdered by a predator she met online. Kentucky Attorney General Greg Stumbo emphasized what state government is doing to combat Internet crime and stop cyber predators from reaching Kentucky youths.



During one of many emotional moments at I-Jam, Bullitt East High School Principal David Marshall presents a class ring to the parents of Rachel Neblett who committed suicide earlier this school year after being cyberbullied.

Kentucky Attorney General Greg Stumbo addresses the audience during the I-Jam Internet Safety event.



John Halligan, father of suicide victim Ryan Halligan, speaks to one of many persons attending I-Jam about cyberbullying.



Shelley Riling shares the story of her niece, chatroom murder victim Christina Long, during I-Jam.

Training Opportunities

Kentucky Center for School Safety (KCSS): **www.kycss.org**

June 8, 2007—i-SAFE Internet Safety: Addressing Appropriate Internet Use with Students. This event is scheduled from 8:30 am—3:30 pm at the Executive Inn Rivermont in Owensboro for educators, administrators, law enforcement and community agents. The training will address:

- The dangers of the Internet and how to teach students appropriate responses
- How to prevent students from becoming victims of Internet predators
- How to teach students to be responsible cyber-citizens
- How to use the i-Safe developed curriculum to meet KY Core Content requirements

You must register at the **isafe.org** website Calendar of Events. For further information about this training, please visit **www.kycss.org** or call the toll free number at 877-805-4277.

June 17, 2007—School Resource Officer's Conference. The Kentucky Center for School Safety, in partnership with the Kentucky Association of School Resource Officers, and the Crime Prevention and DARE Associations, will sponsor a conference for law enforcement officers who work in schools on June 17-20 in Elizabethtown, Kentucky. Registration information will soon be available for this conference.

National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC): **www.ncmec.org**

NCMEC regularly offers training opportunities for law enforcement officers, prosecutors and educators at the Jimmy Ryce Law Enforcement Training Center (JRLETC), named in memory of 9-year-old Jimmy Ryce who was abducted and murdered near his Florida home in 1995.

Protecting Children Online—A four-and-one-half-day seminar to familiarize law enforcement investigators about the technical and legal issues of investigating computer-facilitated crimes committed against children. Training, training materials and double-occupancy lodging costs are covered while attending classes.

Protecting Children Online for Prosecutors—A four-and-one-half-day seminar to familiarize prosecutors with computer-facilitated crimes committed against children and the legal and technical issues surrounding those investigations. Training, training materials, airfare and single-occupancy lodging costs are covered while attending class. Continental breakfasts and buffet lunches are provided for the days of training.

Protecting Children Online: Unit Commander/Policy Training—A two-and-one-half-day seminar to familiarize law enforcement supervisors with the technical, legal and managerial issues of conducting investigations of computer-facilitated crimes committed against children. Training, training materials, airfare and single-occupancy lodging costs are covered while attending class. Continental breakfasts and buffet lunches are provided for the days of training.

Contact NCMEC for more information.

Internet Safety and Education Updates

Boone County Sheriff's Office

Major Jack Prindle, Electronic Crime Division, conducted the following presentations during April:

- April 17th—Legacy Northern Kentucky Group, Electronic Crimes
- April 18th—Villa Madonna Academy, Internet Safety to Teens
- April 19th—MOSIAC Group, Parents, Florence United Methodist Church, Internet Safety
- April 26th—Villa Madonna Academy, Cyberbullying for Parents

Following are presentations scheduled for May:

- May 11th—Boone County High School—Students Internet Safety
- May 31st—Boone County Sheriff for Law Enforcement, Identifying and Seizing Electronic Evidence (to register, go to www.nw3c.org website, click on training and select class to register online)

State Cyber Safety Program—Woodford County Schools

On Tuesday, May 8, 2007, students at Woodford County Middle School and Woodford County High School gathered in their gymnasiums for Internet assemblies hosted by Woodford County Schools in conjunction with the Office of the Attorney General (OAG), the Kentucky Center for School Safety (KCSS) and the Woodford County Sheriff's Office. Woodford County Schools Technology Director Jimmy Adams said the schools hosted the assemblies to make students more Internet aware and also understand the dangers of revealing too much information about themselves online. Woodford County High School Assistant Principal Dan Cassity opened one of his schools two 45-minute assemblies by telling students, "This is a very important topic for yourselves, your teachers, your parents. And you will get information to make you a wiser Internet surfer." Speakers during the presentation included Amanda Murphy-Sanders, OAG Kentucky Bureau of Investigation, and Lori Faris, Office of the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division, who spoke about the dangers of online predators; and Doris Settles, KCSS, who warned students about the dangers of putting themselves out on the Internet and cyberbullying issues.



Above, students attending one of the assemblies at Woodford County High School.

Below, Amanda Murphy-Sanders, OAG Kentucky Bureau of Investigation, spoke to students about dangers of online predators.



U.S. Department of Justice Project Safe Childhood Initiative

Guided by the leadership of the U.S. Attorney General, Alberto R. Gonzales, Project Safe Childhood aims to combat technology-facilitated sexual exploitation crimes against children. The threat of sexual predators soliciting children for physical sexual contact is serious. As technology advances and as the Internet becomes more accessible, the number of computer-facilitated sexual exploitation crimes committed against

children will continue to grow. The goal of Project Safe Childhood is to enhance the national response to this growing threat to America's youth. As part of their new public service advertising campaign "Think Before You Post," Project Safe Childhood has released new videos which can be viewed on their website:

<http://tinyurl.com/2bgnnh>

News Briefs

MySpace Won't Give Names of Sex Offenders

Press Release: May 16, 2007

For the full story, log on to: <http://tinyurl.com/2ru3bj>

Raleigh, North Carolina—Citing federal privacy law, MySpace.com says it won't comply with a request by Attorneys General from North Carolina, Connecticut, Georgia, Idaho, Mississippi, New Hampshire, Ohio and Pennsylvania to hand over the names of registered sex offenders who use the social networking website.

MySpace Deletes Convicted Sex Offender Profiles

Press Release: May 15, 2007

For the full story, log on to: <http://tinyurl.com/2gd3bf>

Raleigh, North Carolina—MySpace says it has identified, removed and blocked "a few thousand" user profiles of convicted sex offenders among its 175 million profiles on its service as part of a previously announced program to protect its youth members from adult predators.

Man Charged with Sexually Assaulting Teen He Met on MySpace

Press Release: May 7, 2007

For the full story, log on to: <http://tinyurl.com/27tcbv>

Novi, Michigan—A Texas man was charged with sexually assaulting a 14-year-old girl he met on the MySpace website. The police found the girl at a motel in Waterford Township, 25 miles north of Detroit.

Man Charged with Having Sex with Underage Girl

Press Release: May 2, 2007

For the full story, log on to: <http://tinyurl.com/2ys8f6>

Waukesha, Wisconsin—A musician placed on probation last month for having a sexual encounter with an underage teenage girl he met through MySpace was charged with committing the same offense earlier with another girl.

Killer Trolled MySpace for Teen Girls

Press Release: May 1, 2007

For the full story, log on to: <http://tinyurl.com/24ro5u>

Novi, Michigan—A convicted murderer used the MySpace social networking site to solicit sex from what he thought was a 14-year-old girl but turned out to be a state investigator.

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News Briefs (cont.)

From the United States Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Kentucky Press Release: April 24, 2007

For the full story, log on to: <http://tinyurl.com/24oe3d>

London, Kentucky—A Bell County Man was sentenced to serve 71 months in prison and lifetime supervision upon release for possession of child pornography. He also engaged in a sexually explicit chat with what he believed was a 12-year-old boy, but was actually an undercover detective for the Kentucky State Police.

Two Charged in Sex Assault on girl, 11 Press Release: April 17, 2007

For the full story, log on to: <http://tinyurl.com/2m85sr>

Louisville, Kentucky—An 18-year-old Louisville man pleaded not guilty to charges that he raped and sodomized an 11-year-old girl whom he and another teen met on MySpace.

KYOAG Sting Operation and Internet Watchdogs Press Release: April 16, 2007

For the full story on the sting operation, log on to: <http://tinyurl.com/2589nd>

For the article in **officer.com**, log on to: <http://tinyurl.com/2uqekw>

Those of you interested in the Perverted-Justice organization will want to read this article in officer.com. The KYOAG just concluded our second successful sting operation with PJ April 12-15 in Campbell County Kentucky during which 12 men were arrested. (The release says 11 but another man showed up a day late!) Our first sting in Louisville in October netted 8 men – 4 of whom have now pleaded guilty. Like the agencies quoted in this article, KYOAG and KBI have been very impressed and satisfied with the professionalism and expertise of PJ staff and volunteers during our operations and would not hesitate to recommend them to other agencies. They are a great resource in the fight against Internet sexual predators. The OAG has been unable to find ONE law enforcement agency that has worked with PJ that has anything negative to say about them. (And we've tried!)

Four Kentucky Teens Arrested After MySpace Shows Break-In Press Release: April 4, 2007

For the full story, log on to: <http://tinyurl.com/2fdyzb>

Pike County, Kentucky—Four teenagers were charged with burglary and criminal mischief after clips of a home break-in appeared on the social networking site.

The Office of the Attorney General is committed to protecting consumers from unscrupulous business practices, making your government more open and accessible, curtailing the drug epidemic threatening the Commonwealth, representing your rights against utility companies' rate increases, and defending our most vulnerable citizens against Medicaid fraud, abuse and neglect. In addition, the Attorney General, as Kentucky's top law enforcement officer, has formed an I-Shield Task Force to get cybersafety information out to our schools and communities. A Cybersafety section has been added to the Attorney General's website with online tips and information to safeguard your children and computer from Internet threats including dangers such as cyberstalking and cyberbullying. Also included are tips on guarding against other dangers that lurk in cyberspace such as identity theft and Internet viruses and worms. Visit us at www.ag.ky.gov/cybersafety.